GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3147
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NORTHERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether officers of the level of M1, M2, M3 in NorthernCoalfields Limited (NCL) Singrauli are working on the sameproject for more than five years and are encouraging corruption there;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the time by which the said officials are likely to be transferred; and

(d) the transfer policy of the said level officers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a): In Northern Coalfields Limited there are some officers of M1, M2, & M3 grades who are working in same projects for more than five years. However, the company has denied that such postings are encouraging any corruption.

(b): Out of 146 officers in M1, M2 & M3 Grade posted in various projects of NCL, there are24 officers who are working in the same project for more than five (5) years as on 1.12.2001. Except in one case where investigation by Vigilance Department of NCL is in progress, there is no complaint in regard to other officers. The Vigilance Departmentof the Company takes necessary action on any complaint regarding corruption.

(c): Posting of the officers will be effected during March/ April alongwith other cases.

(d): An executive who has completed ten years of service in the same company and has more than 2 years to retire is transferable to an other company. However, large scale transfers are to be avoided but at least 10% of Executives specifying the above criteria are to be transferred. In case of sensitive posts in Civil Engineering, Sales &Marketing and Materials Management disciplines, an executive is transferable on completion of five years of service in the same company.